

Carpet Choices for Fort Bragg

Fort Bragg can no longer dispose of carpet in the landfill so we must change the type of carpet we buy. We must buy carpet that is made from recycled fibers and is able to be recycled when it is taken up. Here at DPW, we worked with the four leading manufacturers of carpet in this region (Tandus, J&J, Shaw and Mannington) and told them what kind of carpet we were looking for. This is what we decided:

- 1) **We want to use carpet tiles** – squares of carpet that are glued to the floor – as often as possible. It is a very sensible way to carpet an office space or barracks room. If you permanently stain the carpet somewhere, you can always take it up and switch it with a square from under your desk. The tiles can be 2'x2' or 18"x18". There are samples in the work order section to look at. **Just make sure the total weight recycled content is at least 20% and the secondary backing must be 75% recycled content!** It will tell you in the specifications section of the carpet sample.
- 2) Also look for a gauge of 1/10, pile weight of 14 oz/square yard, a pile height of at least .075" and a total weight of 125 oz minimum.
- 3) There are books of carpet tile samples at the work order section. Look through and see what you like.
- 4) **If you need broadloom carpet**, try to go with 6' width instead of 12'. There is generally less waste generated with 6'. The work order section will have the specific requirements for both 6' and 12' broadloom.
- 5) For further assistance with your carpet selection, please contact Julia Love at 432-8865.